



## Iowa Smart Planning Task Force Comprehensive Planning Committee

**Workgroup:** Local Comprehensive Planning

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**Chair:** Les Beck

### Scope of group's work:

- 1) Develop statewide goals for comprehensive planning that utilize the Iowa Smart Planning Principles and develop recommendations for a process to measure progress toward achieving those goals.
- 2) Review city and county comprehensive plans to determine the number of such plans that address the hazards as listed in the Hazards Element of the suggested local comprehensive plan guidelines and the adequacy of such plans in addressing those hazards.
- 3) Evaluate and develop incentives to conduct local and regional comprehensive planning, including but not limited to state financial and technical assistance.
- 4) Recommend the means by which technical and financial assistance for comprehensive planning can be provided and administered.

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**Workgroup Assignments for Next Meeting (August 11th):**

- Attend August 10<sup>th</sup> webinar with Stuart Meck
- Review posted documents
- Review State Goal draft
- Recruit new workgroup members

**Notes:**

**I. Statewide Goals- General Discussion**

- a. Iowa municipalities need to establish a baseline of information.
- b. Smart Growth Audit tools already developed and accessible should provide ways to measure the success of smart planning.
- c. The workgroup should also think of qualitative ways to measure success in achieving the principles.

**II. Statewide Goals- Les Beck's Handout Discussion**

- a. The 10 smart planning principles are written as goal statements; the work group discussed whether the task is to develop broad statements ("visions") or more focused statements ("strategies" or "objectives").
- b. Information in the handout can be strategies or objectives for implementation.
- c. Identify areas considered by community for "growth" and for "protection", then identify measures within those areas to measure success at "growing" and "protecting".
  - i. Since many areas in Iowa are not growing, substitute terms like "smart planning" for growth" then define what that means
- d. Handout will be revised and a matrix will be developed illustrating more clearly how the strategies relate to the Principles and how they can help measure the affects of applying smart planning.
- e. Pam Myhre and Jessica Harder will further develop additional recommendations of statewide goals
  - i. Recommendations from the workgroup may include high-level goals for promoting and incentivizing Smart Planning and the Principles as well as tools and strategies to help in the application of the Principles.